SUBJECT No. 117.

Grant of the beds of breached tanks and ponds for cultivation.

Mr. Channalingappa, Nelamangala Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—There are a number of breached cattle-ponds and tanks lying unrestored and waterless for a long time. If these are given to applicants for cultivation on the condition that these should be relinquished unconditionally to Government when wanted, the revenue would be increased.

Reply of Government.—Para 2 of Rule 16, Land Revenue Rules, provides for this. If the rule is not properly applied in any case, the matter may be represented to the Revenue Commissioner.

SUBJECT No. 118.

Grant of atchkat lands of abandoned and breached tanks for cultivation on dry rates.

Messrs. Chikramanna, Suryanaranappa, Sonne Gowda, and Byre Gowda, Kolar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Though the beds of abandoned and breached tanks are given out for cultivation, yet the Taluk authorities and Jamabandi Officers refuse to give the atchkat lands of the same tanks on dry rates. It is prayed that such wet lands may either be converted into dry by ordering a re-survey immediately, or be given out temporarily on dry rates till the time of re-survey. This will not only serve as a boon to the poor raiyats but also enchance the revenue of Government.

Even in the case of tanks that had breached several years ago, remission of half the assessment is being allowed only from recent years and when dry rates have to be paid for cultivating the tank bed, lands dependent on it are still charged with old wet rates.

Reply of Government.—The remission of half the wet assessment is sufficient in such cases.

SUBJECT No. 119.

Grant of lands within the submersion area of tanks for temporary cultivation.

Messrs. Channabasava Wodeyar, Devanhalli Taluk; Chanda Reddi, Narasimhaiya and Dalappa, Anekal Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Most of the lands within the submersion area of tanks remain submerged only for a short time, and the rest of the year they remain banjar. If these can be given for temporary cultivation, both the raiyats and the Government will be profited.

Reply of Government.—The discretion given by Rule 16 of the Land Revenue Rules is sufficient and it is not necessary to extend it.

SUBJECT No. 120.

Disposal of assessed waste lands without sale.

Messrs. Seenappa, Krishnarajpete Taluk, and Kadrappa, Sidlaghatta Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that the disposal of darkhasts for Government waste lands by means of auction sales be discontinued as in many cases the darkhastdar does not get the lands asked for at such sales. Lands may be generally given out to the darkhastdar without sale when the villagers do not object to their grant.

Reply of Government.—Rule 41 of the Land Revenue Rules provides sufficiently for all such cases.

SUBJECT No. 121.

Avoiding delay in the disposal of applications for grant of kharab lands for cultivation.

Summary of discussion.—There is great delay in the disposal of applications for the grant of kharab lands for dry, wet or garden cultivation as the sanction of Government has to be obtained for the grant and the assessment has to be fixed by the Survey and Settlement Department.